

which assistance can be provided to the State Government in this respect.

Fertilizer Consumption

1652. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :

SHRI LALIT ORAON :

SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the trend of fertilizers consumption in the country for the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether consumption of fertilizers has increased; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to meet the growing demand of fertilizers in the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c). The likely consumption of Fertilizer nutrients during 1996-97 is 164.221 lakh tonnes as against the consumption of 138.77 lakh tonnes during the year 1995-96.

(d) The gap between consumption and production of fertilizers in the country is met through imports. The indigenous production of nitrogenous fertilizers is augmented through further investment in expansion of the capacity through retrofit and revamp of the existing plant to reduce dependence on imports.

[Translation]

Contribution of Agricultural Sector to GDP

1653. SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the contribution of agricultural sector to the Gross Domestic Product has been declining continuously;

(b) if so, the percentage of contribution made by the agricultural sector to GDP in 1950-51, 1980-81 and 1994-95; and

(c) the reasons for continuous decline in the percentage of contribution of agricultural sector to GDP?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The percentage of contribution of agriculture sector to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has been declining. The contribution of Agriculture sector which was 55.4% in 1950-51 declined to 38.1% in 1980-81 and further down to 29.4% in 1994-95.

(c) the decline in the percentage of the contribution made by the agriculture sector to GDP is mainly attributed to relatively higher growth in the manufacturing and services sectors of the economy.

Dairy Products

1654. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether our country is self-sufficient in the matter of dairy product;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether dairy units of the public as well as private sectors are facing problems due to accumulation to stocks of dairy products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The country is self-sufficient in the matter of dairy products is evident from the fact that negligible amounts of major dairy products are imported although imports of dairy products is placed under OGL. Details of major dairy products is placed under OGL. Details of major dairy products imported during last three years is as under :

| Name of Product | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 (in Metric Tonnes) |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 1. SMP* | 2198.67 | 215.12 | 1102.99 |
| 2. IMF** | 58.50 | 9.13 | 8.27 |

* SMP - Skimmed Milk Powder

** IMF - Infant Milk Food

(c) and (d). Instances of units either in the public or private sector facing problems due to accumulation of stocks have not come to the notice of the Government in the recent past.

[English]

Sugar Distribution

1655. SHRI HARIN PATHAK :

SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT :

SHRI VIJAY PATEL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether rural dweller is provided only 425 gms. of sugar while a city dweller is provided one kilogram per month;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to do away with this discrimination;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to increase the per capita availability of sugar for the public distribution keeping in view the increased sugar production; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d). The allocation of levy sugar to State Governments/UT Administrations with effect from 1.1.1996 is made on uniform norms of ensuring 425 gms. per capita per month as per 1991 Census. Central Government does not make any distinction between rural and urban population in this respect.

(e) and (f). Taking into consideration the higher availability of sugar on account of higher level of production during 1995-96 and 1996-97, the Central Government has doubled the festival quota for the calendar year 1996. Besides, the levy quota of all States/UTs for December, 1996 has also been enhanced by 10 per cent.

Journey By B.S.F. Plane

1656. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Prime Minister and other Union Ministers had undertaken some journeys in the aeroplanes of the Border Security Force;
- (b) if so, the details of the air journeys performed by them separately from July 1, 1996 onwards;
- (c) whether some of them included non-official air journeys also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the fare outstanding against them for the non-official journeys, separately;
- (e) whether some amount of Border Security Force or hiring aeroplanes is also outstanding against some former Prime Ministers including former Union Ministers;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the dates from which the said fare is outstanding against them separately; and
- (g) the action taken so far or being taken for the recovery of outstanding fare for non-official journeys on all of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f). In addition to the Ministers of Ministry of Home Affairs, the Minister of Finance has also undertaken

journey by BSF aircraft for official purpose in October 1996. The bill for the journey will be raised against Ministry of Finance. The Prime Minister has not undertaken journey by BSF aircraft so far.

(e) to (g). In the past, BSF aircrafts were made available to the then Union Ministers for official purposes. The bills for such journeys for the year 1995-96 and 1996-97 will be raised against the concerned Ministries/Departments after finalisation of the cost of operation of the aircrafts.

Ozone Depletion

1657. SHRI PINAKI MISHRA :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by the Government to prevent the Ozone depletion and promote eco-friendly technologies in industries and other areas of economy and social life;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the further steps being taken and programmes and campaigns carried on or launched in pursuance of these conventions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To comply with the Montreal Protocol, a Country Programme was prepared after detailed all round consultation for phasing out Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS). Steps have been taken to phase out ODS by funding project through the Multilateral fund created under the Montreal Protocol, providing technical assistance, and fiscal incentive to industry.

(c) Further the following steps have been taken:

- (i) Awareness Campaigns have been carried out through workshops, film and print media.
- (ii) Action has been initiated to formulate rules under Environment Protection Act, 1986.
- (iii) Eco-friendly technologies are promoted through implementation of standards for issuance for Ecomark to qualified non-ODS as well as certain selected consumer products.

Under Trials in Jails

1658. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the report submitted by the National Commission for Women;